



NAME: LCDR IRENE AHLSTROM

JOB TITLE: CHIEF PHARMACIST, FEDERAL  
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE - DUBLIN, CALIFORNIA

AGENCY: FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

#### **EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:**

LCDR Irene Ahlstrom received an Associate in Science from Joliet Junior College in 1997. She went on to Midwestern University in Illinois and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree in June 2001, and a Doctorate in Pharmacy in June 2002.

LCDR Ahlstrom has kept active in continuing her pharmacy education by obtaining certification through the American Pharmacists Association in Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery, Pharmaceutical Care for Patients with Dyslipidemias, and Pharmaceutical Care for Patients with Diabetes.

#### **CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:**

Since June 2007, LCDR Ahlstrom has been the Chief Pharmacist at the Federal Correctional Institute (FCI) in Dublin, California. The Dublin FCI is a low security facility housing female offenders. The institution also has an adjacent administrative detention facility housing adult males on holdover or pre-trial status, and a minimum security satellite camp housing adult female offenders. In addition to managing pharmacy operations, LCDR Ahlstrom is also member of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

#### **QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:**

Prior to being commissioned in the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), LCDR Ahlstrom had an extensive 11 year career in the U.S. Army. During her Army career she served as a correctional officer, military police officer, and U.S. customs inspector. In addition, she served a seven month tour of duty as a military police officer during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

LCDR Ahlstrom's career in the USPHS began when she was accepted into the Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (COSTEP) in 2000. She continued on as a Senior COSTEP in 2001. After completing her Senior COSTEP rotation, she accepted a staff pharmacist position with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) at the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas. After serving three years as staff pharmacist and Acting Chief Pharmacist in Leavenworth, LCDR Ahlstrom served as a Chief Pharmacist at Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago, Illinois.

**REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:**

LCDR Ahlstrom joined the USPHS to continue to build on the skills and knowledge she obtained in the U.S. Army.

**PREVIOUS USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:**

- FBOP, Chief Pharmacist, Federal Correctional Institute - Dublin, California (June 2007 – Present)
- FBOP, Chief Pharmacist, Metropolitan Correctional Center - Chicago, Illinois (June 2005 – June 2007)
- FBOP, Staff Pharmacist and Acting Chief Pharmacist, U.S. Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas (June 2002 - Jun 2005)

**MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

LCDR Ahlstrom enjoys mentoring junior officers in the USPHS.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:**

LCDR Ahlstrom is an active member of the American Pharmacists Association, Reserve Officers Association, and the Junior Officer Advisory Group. She is also an active member of the Commissioned Officer Association, where she served as President of her local chapter from January to June 2007.